Incorporating Lessons Learned Into The WIPP Integrated Safety Management System

From The Perspective Of The Lessons Learned Coordinator

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Lessons Learned Generated By Lessons Learned Working Group

- Lessons Learned Working Group Consists Of Representatives
 From The Following Departments
 - Quality And Regulatory Assurance
 - Environment Safety And Health
 - Engineering
 - Human Resources
 - Operations
- Representatives Serve A Minimum Of Six Months

Lessons Learned Sources

- Lessons Learned Bulletins Developed From Information Contained In
 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission Bulletins/Notices
 - DOE Safety Notices
 - External ORPS Reports
 - Internal ORPS Reports
 - DOE List Server Reports
 - MSHA Fatal Grams
 - Investigative Reports

Reviewing Lessons Learned Material

- Lessons Learned Material Reviewed For Applicability To WIPP By Lessons Learned Working Group
 - Material deemed Applicable If Contains Information Having Potential Or Immediate impact on plant equipment
 - Impact To Safety And Health Of Plant Personnel
 - Identifies Good Work Practices
 - Lessons Learned That May Have Implications To WIPP Operations

Developing Lessons Learned Bulletins

- One Page Bulletin Developed From Material Deemed Applicable
- Lessons Learned Bulletin Consists Of
 - Brief Description Of Event
 - Cause Of Event
 - Lessons To Be Learned
 - Applicable References

Distributing Lessons Learned Bulletins

- One Page Bulletin Distributed To WIPP Department Managers
 - WIPP Department Managers Distribute Applicable Lessons Learned Bulletin Through required Reading Program
- Feedback Form Accompanies All Lessons Learned Bulletins
 Sent To Department Managers

Completion Of Feedback Form

- Department Manager Indicates Action By Completing The Feedback Form
- Feedback Form Is Checklist Consisting Of The Following Questions
 - Lessons Learned Bulletin Applicable To Department
 - Placed In Required Reading
 - Change Made To Procedure
 - Change Made To Equipment Design
 - Change Made To Personnel Qualification Requirements
 - Cost Avoidance
 - Change In Training Requirements
 - Other
- Completed Feedback Forms Are Sent To Chairmen Of The Lessons Learned Working Group

Feedback/Improvement

- Feedback Forms Are Analyzed To Determine The Effectiveness
 Of The Program
 - 80% Of Lessons Learned Sent Deemed Applicable
 - 95% Placed In Required Reading
 - 3% Initiated Procedure Changes
 - 1% Initiated Change In Training Requirements
 - 1% Other

Lessons Learned During Craft Workplace Critiques

- Craft Performs Work To Specific Formalized Job Instructions
- Craft Discovers Anomaly In Procedure Or Process During Work Assignment
- Craft Reports Anomaly To Maintenance Manager
- Anomaly Corrected Immediately To Mitigate Hazard
 - Work Instructions Or Hazards Analysis are Changed To Prevent Recurrence
- Maintenance Manager And Craft Conduct Post Job Critique To Identify Additional Lessons Learned
- Lessons Learned Are Incorporated Into Work Package
- Maintenance Manager Provides Lessons Learning Working Group With Information From Critic
- Lessons Working Group Reviews Information To Determine If Lessons Learned Bulletin Be Developed

Results of ISMS Verification Reviews And Assessments Relating To Feedback & Improvement

- September, 1998 ISMS Team From DOE Headquarters
 Concluded WIPP Has ISMS
- August, 1998, VPP Recertification Team From DOE Headquarters Concluded WIPP Has Successful Lessons Learned Program
- March, 1998, DOE ORR Team Concluded WIPP Has Successful Lessons Learned Program

ISMS Verification Results (Cont.)

- May, 1998, Contractor ORR Team Concluded WIPP Has Successful Lessons Learned Program
- Various Internal Assessments Conducted During 1998
 Concluded WIPP Has Successful Lessons Learned Program
- January, 1999, DNSFB Concluded WIPP Has Successful Lessons Learned Program And Uses Feedback Function to Collect Information And Make Changes To Improve Overall Safety Management System

Current Initiatives To Integrate Identification And Utilization Of Lessons Learned In Support Of ISMS

- ISMS Coordinator Is Member Of The Lessons Learned Working Group
- Chairmen Of The Major Committees Identified In The WIPP ISMS Description Are Members Of the Lessons Learned Working Group

Planned Initiatives To Integrate Identification And Utilization Of Lessons Learned In Support Of ISMS

- ISMS,VPP, and Emergency Management System Criteria Will Be Utilized To Develop Performance Indicators And Measures
- Performance Indicators and Measures Will Be Evaluated By The ISMS,VPP, And EM System Coordinators To Determine Effectiveness Of The ISMS